



PATENT APPLICATION

Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 Expedited Procedure Examining Group 2872

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yutaka SUENAGA et al.

Appln. No.: 09/615,081

Group Art Unit: 2872

Filed: July 12, 2000

Examiner: M. Robinson

For: CATADIOPTRIC OPTICAL SYSTEM AND EXPOSURE

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Attn: Mail Stop AF

Sir:

Responding to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2005, favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested for the reasons which follow.

Claims 85-93 and 95-99 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Williamson (U.S. 5,815,310) in view of Takahashi (U.S. 5,835,284).

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.